

**REMARKS**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed 13 November 2008.

Claims 1-18 and 22-26 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-18, 25 and 26 and rejected claims 22-24. The present Response cancels claims 22-24 without prejudice, leaving claims 1-18, 25 and 26 pending.

**Since all rejected claims have now been canceled**, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0869, under Order No. GEML 4671-3US, for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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